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## **Disability Commission Minutes 09/21/05**

### **ARLINGTON COMMISSION ON DISABILITY MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2005**

Members Present: Lin Baker, Tom Boudreau, Barbara Cutler, Joe Giurleo,  
Maureen St. Hilaire

Members Absent: Susan James, Barbara Jones, Louis Krodell, Kevin O'Brien

Staff Present: Jack Jones

Others Present: Kerrie Fallon

#### **Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2005:**

Lin made a motion seconded by Tom to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2005.  
SO VOTED

#### **Peirce Elementary School Ramp:**

Jack said that Mark Miano, Director of Custodial and Building Maintenance informed him, that concrete would be poured for the replacement surface of the ramp at the Peirce Elementary School by September 23, 2005. Jack said that the Town has hired their own contractor to resurface the ramp slope and will be reimbursed for all expenses by Castgana Construction the original contractor.

#### **Construction Update on the Dallin Elementary School:**

Jack said that Stephan Charies, from D.R.A. Associates, was unable to attend the September Commission Meeting, however Stephan offered to provide a walkthrough of the completed work at the Dallin School for any Commission Member that would be interested. Barbara C. said that curb cuts would be required on all constructed sidewalks at the Dallin School.

#### **Town Day:**

Jack said that Town Day 2005 has been scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> with setup at 8:00 AM, stage events beginning at 10:00 AM and breakdown scheduled for 3:15 PM. Lin, Maureen, Tom, Barbara C., and Kerrie Fallon said they would attend to assist in distributing a newsletter and to provide information pertaining to the Disability Commission. Jack said that he will be present at Town Day to setup and breakdown the booth and will be at the booth during the morning. Jack also said that Mike DiNicola, Janet Baronian, Jack Collins and Doreen Piacitelli from the Housing Office would also be at the booth providing information regarding the Town's Housing Programs. Jack said that the Public Works Department has designed and provided a banner for the Disability Commission that will be used on Town Day. Jack said that five accessible parking spaces would be provided at the 20 Academy Street parking lot. Barbara C. said that she would prepare the annual newsletter for Town Day. Barbara C. requested that the newsletter be mailed to all Town Meeting Members, both U.S. Senators from Massachusetts, all U.S. Congressmen from Massachusetts, and all local State Representatives that represent Arlington and Arlington's State Senator.

#### **Curb Cut Training Scheduled for September 29, 2005:**

Jack said that the Curb Cut Training would begin at 9:00 with the Town Manager giving welcoming comments. Jack said that in addition to classroom training a field survey would also be part of the training. Tom and Barbara C. said that they would attend at least some part of the training. Jack said that all of the Arlington Commission Members were welcome to attend. The Town at this event will provide muffins and coffee.

**Other Business:**

There was no other business discussed.

**Legislative Update:**

Barbara C. said that legislation has been filed and is before the Education Committee at the State House to protect people with disabilities from professional use of pain and deprivation. Barbara C. said similar legislation has been filed since 1985 but has not yet been passed by the State Legislature. Barbara C. said that one million dollars has been funded by the State for autism programs with an additional \$200,000 being funded for behavioral training. This funding level has caused concern among some as to what programs if any would receive budget cuts because of this funding. Barbara C. said that the original funding request was for \$50,000.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

A True record: Attest

Jack Jones  
ADA Coordinator